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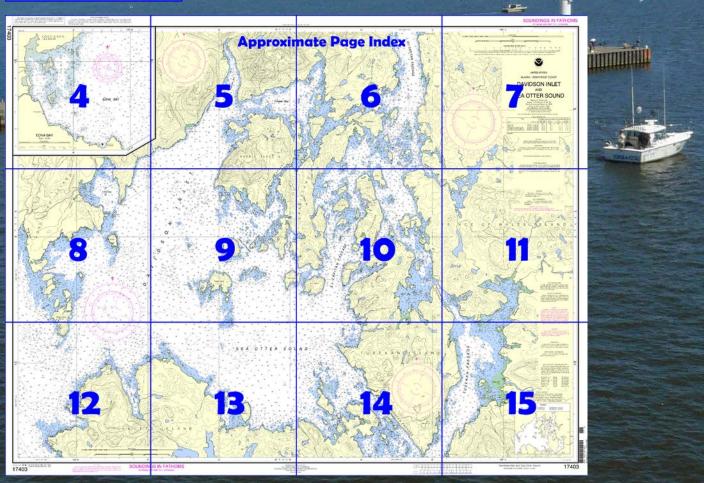
# **Davidson Inlet and Sea Otter Sound**NOAA Chart 17403



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#### What are Nautical Charts?

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#### What is a BookletChart<sup>™</sup>?

This BookletChart is made to help recreational boaters locate themselves on the water. It has been reduced in scale for convenience, but otherwise contains all the information of the full-scale nautical chart. The bar scales have also been reduced, and are accurate when used to measure distances in this BookletChart. See the Note at the bottom of page 5 for the reduction in scale applied to this chart.

Whenever possible, use the official, full scale NOAA nautical chart for navigation. Nautical chart sales agents are listed on the Internet at <a href="http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov">http://www.NauticalCharts.NOAA.gov</a>.

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#### **Notice to Mariners Correction Status**

This BookletChart has been updated for chart corrections published in the U.S. Coast Guard Local Notice to Mariners, the National Geospatial Intelligence Agency Weekly Notice to Mariners, and, where applicable, the Canadian Coast Guard Notice to Mariners. Additional chart corrections have been made by NOAA in advance of their publication in a Notice to Mariners. The last Notices to Mariners applied to this chart are listed in the Note at the bottom of page 7. Coast Pilot excerpts are not being corrected.

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(Selected Excerpts from Coast Pilot)
Tuxekan Passage has its S entrance on the SE side of Karheen Passage, and extends N along the E side of Tuxekan Island for about 10 miles to El Capitan Passage. The shores are indented with numerous bights, coves, and bays that provide anchorage in any desired depth. The width varies from a maximum of about 2 miles N of Staney Island to about 225 yards in Tuxekan Narrows. This passage is preferred to Karheen Passage by some

operators enroute between Tonowek Bay and El Capitan Passage.

Currents.—The currents in Tuxekan Passage set generally N on the flood and S on the ebb. The velocity of the current is weak, being less than 1

knot. (See the Tidal Current Tables for daily predictions.) **Staney Island**, about 3.5 miles NE of Kauda Point (55°46.4'N., 133°15.5'W.), is the largest and most NW of a chain of wooded islands that extend into Tuxekan Passage from the E shore. The passage to the W and SW of Staney Island is clear, but from other directions it should be approached with caution. A 1¾-fathom rock and a 1½-fathom rock are 0.8 mile and 0.5 mile N, respectively, of the island. NE from Staney Island the waters are generally foul with a number of submerged rocks and rocks that uncover 1 to 7 feet.

**Naukati Bay** is the largest indentation in the E shore of Tuxekan Passage. Its entrance, about 2 miles N of Staney Island, is constricted by rocks and kelp, and the entire area has numerous islets, reefs, and rocks. Klinau Island, on the W side of the entrance to Naukati Bay should be given a wide berth. A rock that uncovers 5 feet is about 0.3 mile SSW of the island, and the waters around it from E through S to W are foul. Nichin Cove on the W side of the passage, about 1.3 miles WSW of Klinau Island, affords good small-craft anchorage. A ramp and float, with a 60-foot face, are on the W side of the cove near the entrance. El Capitan Passage has its entrance on the NE side of Sea Otter Sound. It extends about 18 miles in a N direction from Sea Otter Sound to Aneskett Point, then trends W for about 6.5 miles to Shakan Strait. The S part of the passage is 1 to 4 miles wide, forming a bay about 7 miles long with numerous rocks and islets. To the N of this section the passage is 0.3 to 1 mile wide and is comparatively clear to Aneskett Point. The shoreline should not be approached too closely, as numerous rocks, awash at various stages of the tide, are close-to. From a point about 3.5 miles W of Aneskett Point to Shakan Strait a 12-foot channel has been dredged through the shoals to provide a protected route for fishing vessels and log rafts.

Channels.—Local knowledge is desirable for safe navigation through the channels in El Capitan Passage. This applies in particular to the section between Aneskett Point and Shakan Strait, including Dry Pass. From N of Tenass Island to Aneskett Point, midchannel courses hold good; from Sea Otter Sound to Tenass Island, various courses among the islands may be followed. The charts are the guide to safe navigation. The channel above Aneskett Point favors the S shore until about 1.8 miles W of the point, where it takes a turn to the SSW and narrows. Here a small wooded islet in the midchannel should be left to the W. Then for about 1.5 miles a midchannel course should be followed to the E end of a Federal project about 2.8 miles long that provides for a 12-foot channel dredged through seven shoals, including Dry Pass, to the W entrance of El Capitan Passage at Shakan Strait. Daybeacons mark the dredged sections of the channel. In 2005, the controlling depth was 9.1 feet in the dredged sections of the channel with 3.6 feet in the right outside guarter at Daybeacon 9 and 5.3 feet in the left outside guarter about 235 yards W of Daybeacon 2.

**Anchorages.**—All of El Capitan Passage is protected, and large vessels can anchor wherever the depths are suitable; the chart is the best guide. Small craft can usually find anchorage in the bights and inlets that indent the shores of the passage.

**Tides and currents.**—In the S part of El Capitan Passage, the current floods N from Sea Otter Sound. In the channel between El Capitan Island and Tuxekan Island, the velocity of the current may reach 3 knots. In the channel N of Tenass Island the current is reported to be negligible. In Dry Pass, the current floods E with a velocity of 1.8 knots and ebbs W with a velocity of 0.9 knot.

# U.S. Coast Guard Rescue Coordination Center 24 hour Regional Contact for Emergencies

RCC Juneau Commander

17th CG District (907) 463-2000

Juneau, Alaska

Corrected through NM Feb. 18/06 Corrected through LNM Feb. 14/06

Mercator Projection Scale 1:40,000 at Lat 55° 55' North American Datum of 1983 (World Geodetic System 1984) SOUNDINGS IN FATHOMS (FATHOMS AND FEET TO ELEVEN FATHOMS) AT MEAN LOWER LOW WATER

For Symbols and Abbreviations see Chart No. 1

#### RADAR REFLECTORS

Radar reflectors have been placed on many floating aids to navigation. Individual radar reflector identification on these aids has been

#### POLLUTION REPORTS

Report all spills of oil and hazardous sub-1-800-424-8802 (toll free), or to the nearest U.S. Coast Guard facility if telephone communication is impossible (33 CFR 153).

#### VEGETATION

In general the land is heavily wooded up to an elevation of about 1500 feet. Above that the woods thin out and the higher peaks are bare.

#### AIDS TO NAVIGATION

Consult U.S. Coast Guard Light List for supplemental information concerning aids to navigation.

Navigation regulations are published in Chapter 2, U.S. Coast Pilot 8. Additions or revisions to Chapter 2 are published in the Notice to Mariners. Information concerning Notice to Mariners. Information concerning the regulations may be obtained at the Office of the Commander, 17th Coast Guard District in Juneau, Alaska, or at the Office of the District Engineer, Corps of Engineers in Anchorage, Alaska.

Refer to charted regulation section numbers.

#### CAUTION

Temporary changes or defects in aids to navigation are not indicated on this chart. See Local Notice to Mariners.

#### NOAA WEATHER RADIO BROADCASTS

The NOAA Weather Radio stations listed below provide continuous weather broadcasts. The reception range is typically 20 to 40 nautical miles from the antenna site, but can be as much as 100 nautical miles for stations at high elevations.

Mt. McArthur, AK	KZZ-95	162.525 MHz
Sukkwan I, AK	KZZ-89	162.425 MHz
Cape Fanshaw, AK	KZZ-88	162.425 MHz
Zarembo I, AK	KZZ-91	162.450 MHz
Gravina I, AK	KZZ-96	162.525 MHz
Wrangell, AK	WXJ-83	162.40 MHz
Craig, AK	KXI-80	162.475 MHz

#### WARNING

The prudent mariner will not rely solely on any single aid to navigation, particularly on floating aids. See U.S. Coast Guard Light List and U.S. Coast Pilot for details.

#### HEIGHTS

Heights of lights and rocks in feet above Mean High Water Contour values and peak elevations refer to Mean Sea Level.

#### AUTHORITIES

Hydrography and topography by the National Ocean Service, Coast Survey, with additional data from Geological Survey and U.S. Coast

#### HORIZONTAL DATUM

The horizontal reference datum of this chart is North American Datum of 1983 (NAD 83) which for charling purposes is considered equivalent to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS 84). Geographic positions referred to the North American Datum of 1927 must be corrected an average of 1.322' southward and 6.203' westward to agree with this chart.



#### SOURCE DIAGRAM

The outlined areas represent the limits of the most recent hydrographic survey information that has been evaluated for charting. Surveys have been banded in this diagram by date and type of survey. Channels maintained by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers are periodically resurveyed and are not shown on this diagram. Refer to Chapter 1, <u>United States Coast Pilot.</u>

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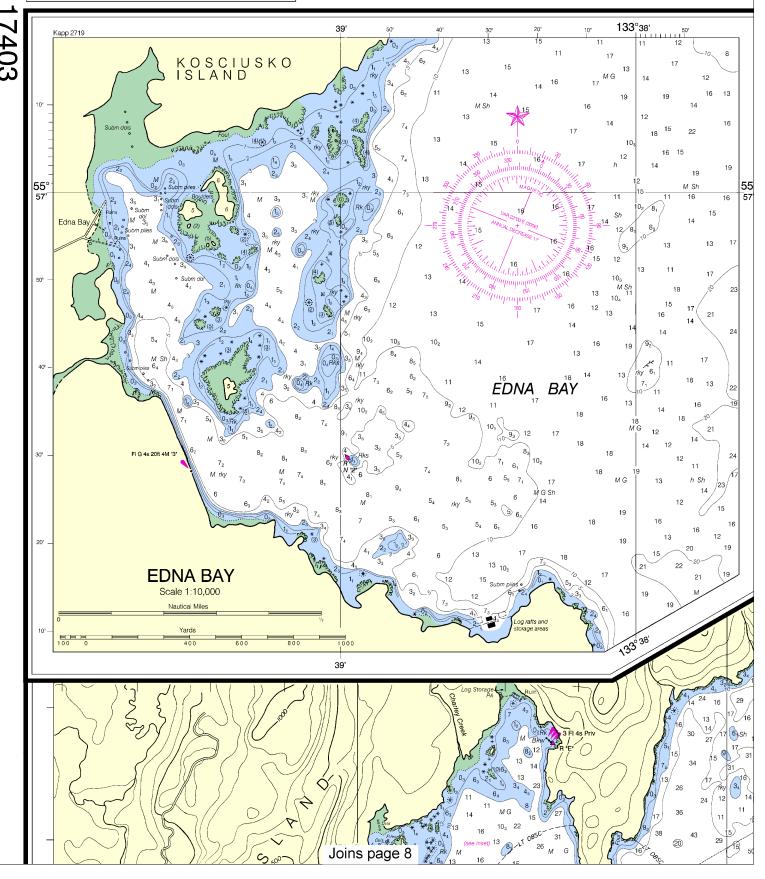
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TIDAL INFORMATION							
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This nautical chart has been designed to promote safe navigation. The National Ocean Service encourages users to submit corrections, additions, or comments for improving this chart to the Chief, Marine Chart Division (N/CS2), National Ocean Service, NOAA, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3282.

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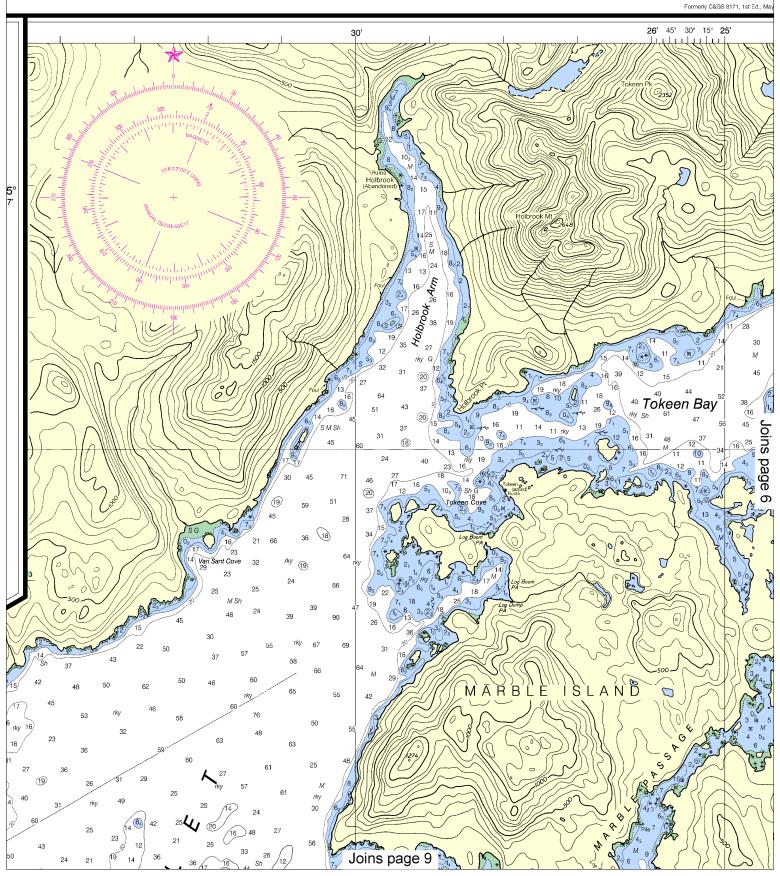
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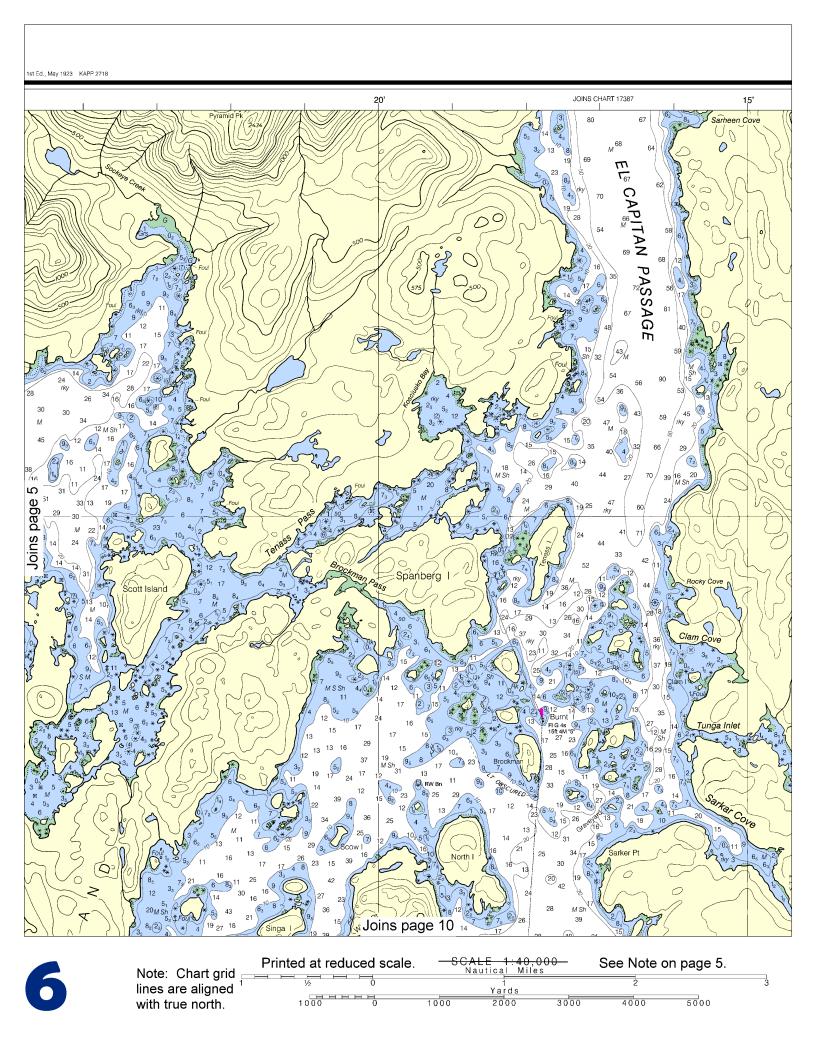
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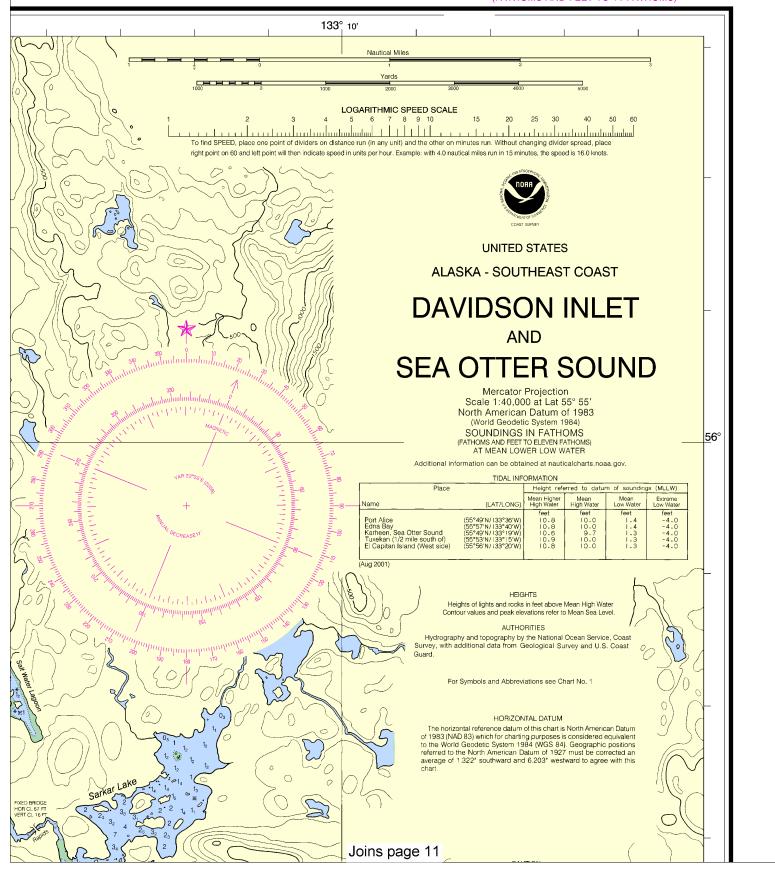
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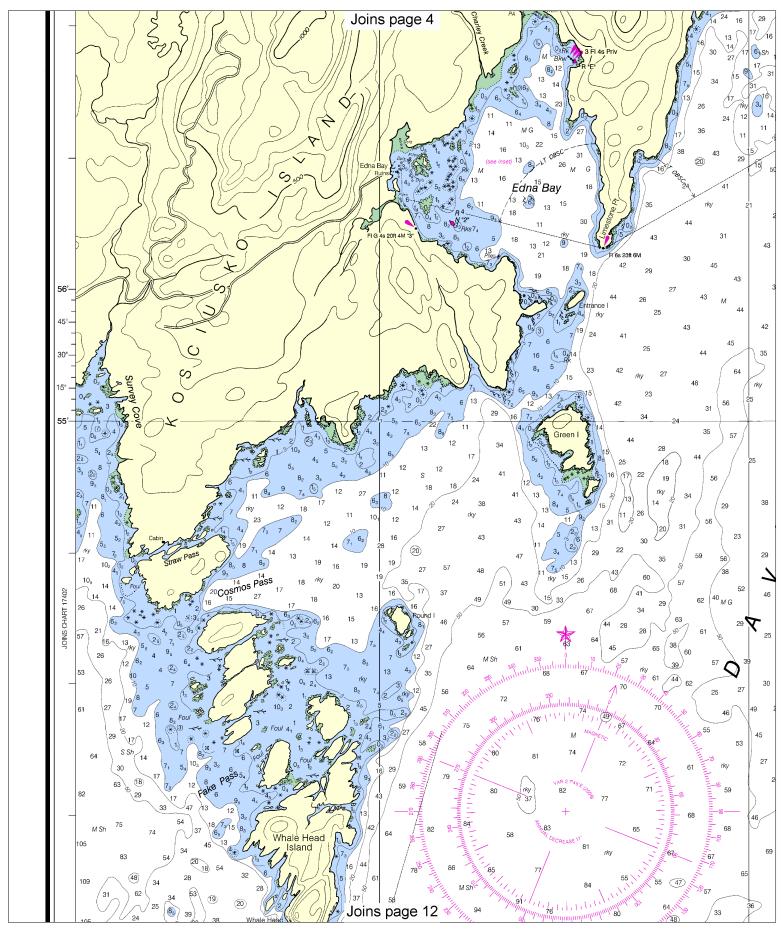


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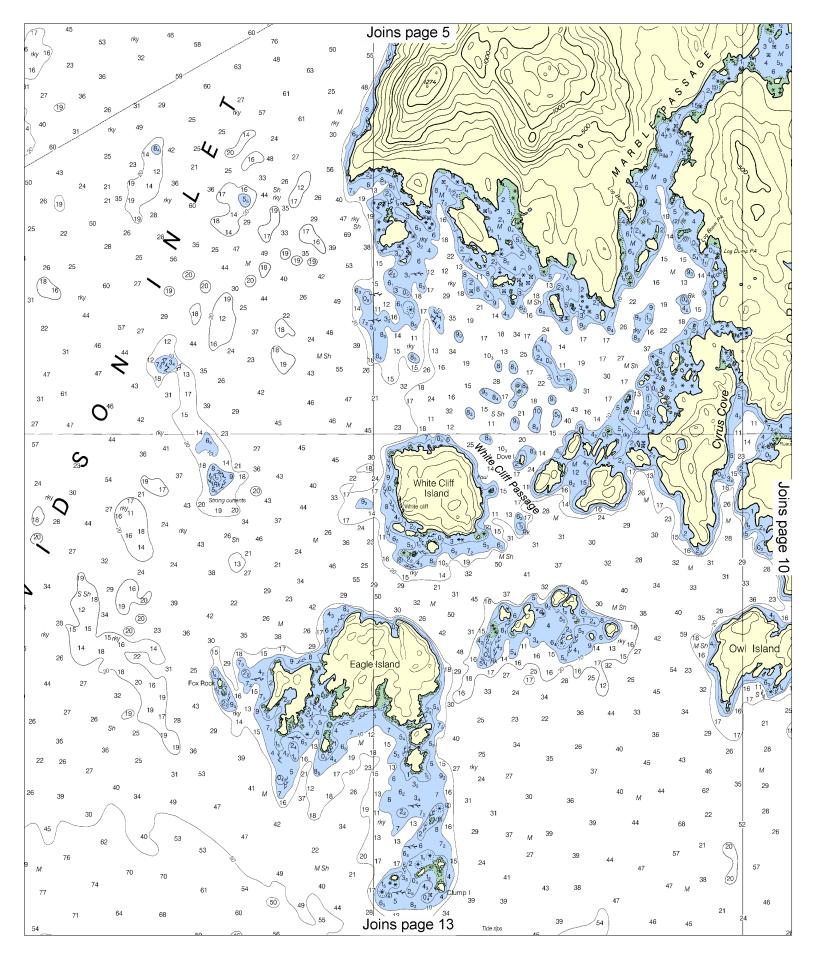
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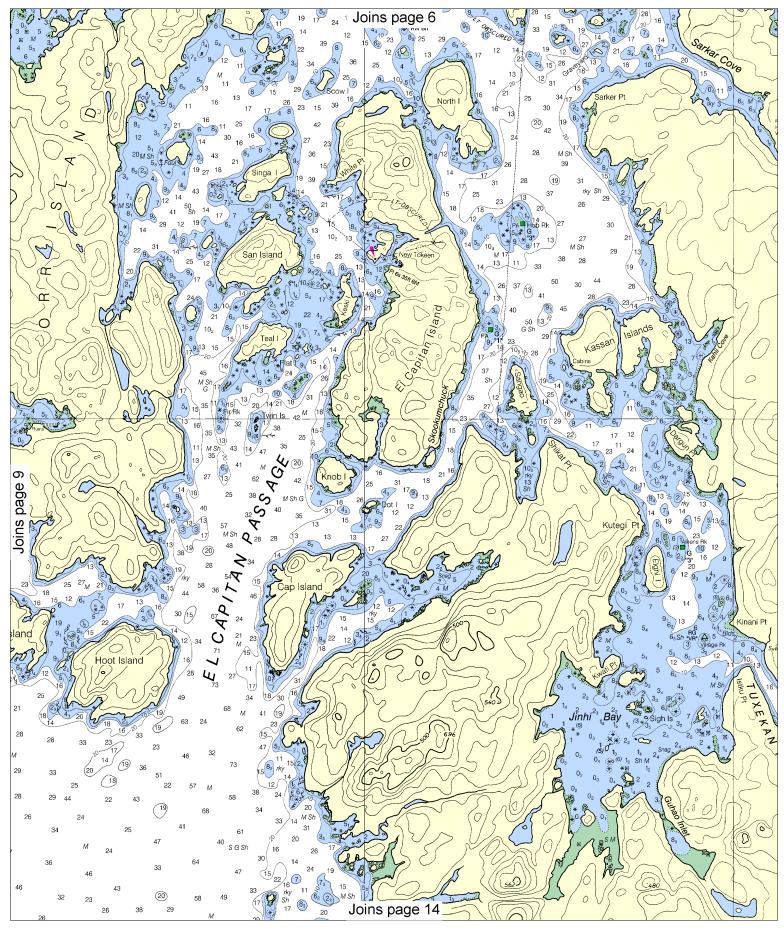




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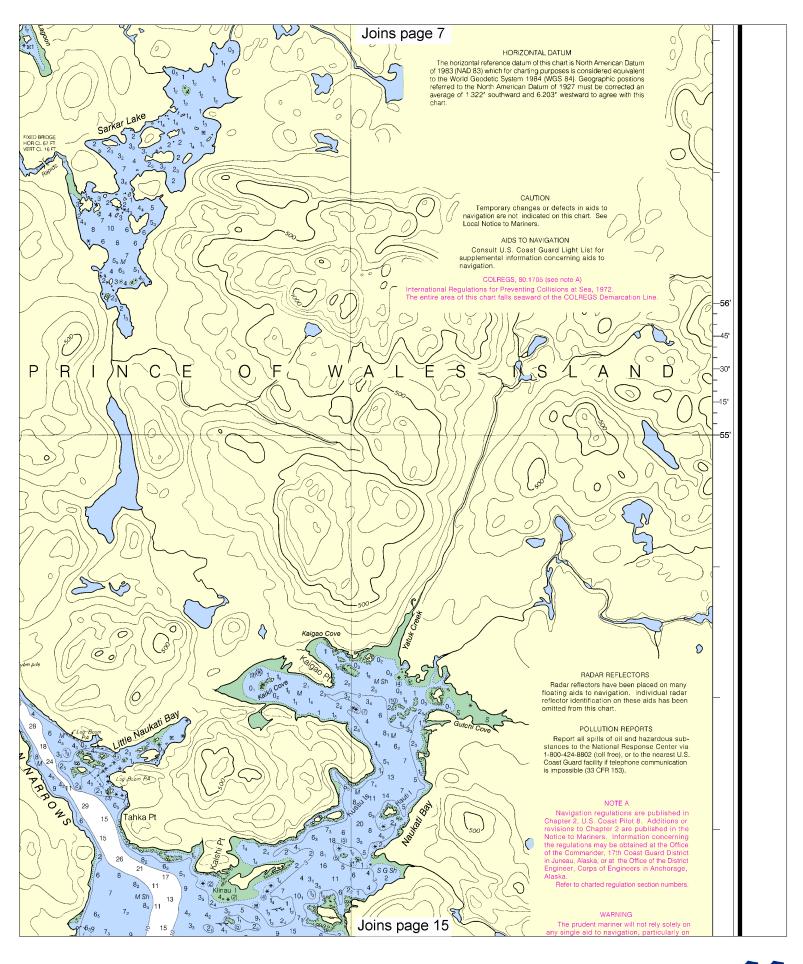
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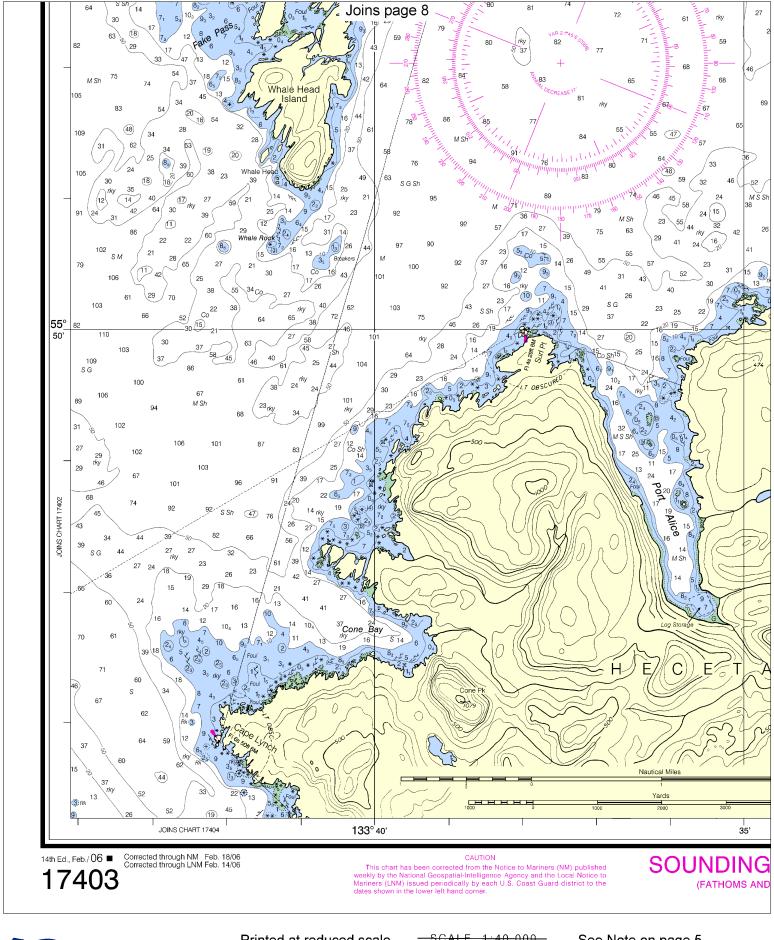
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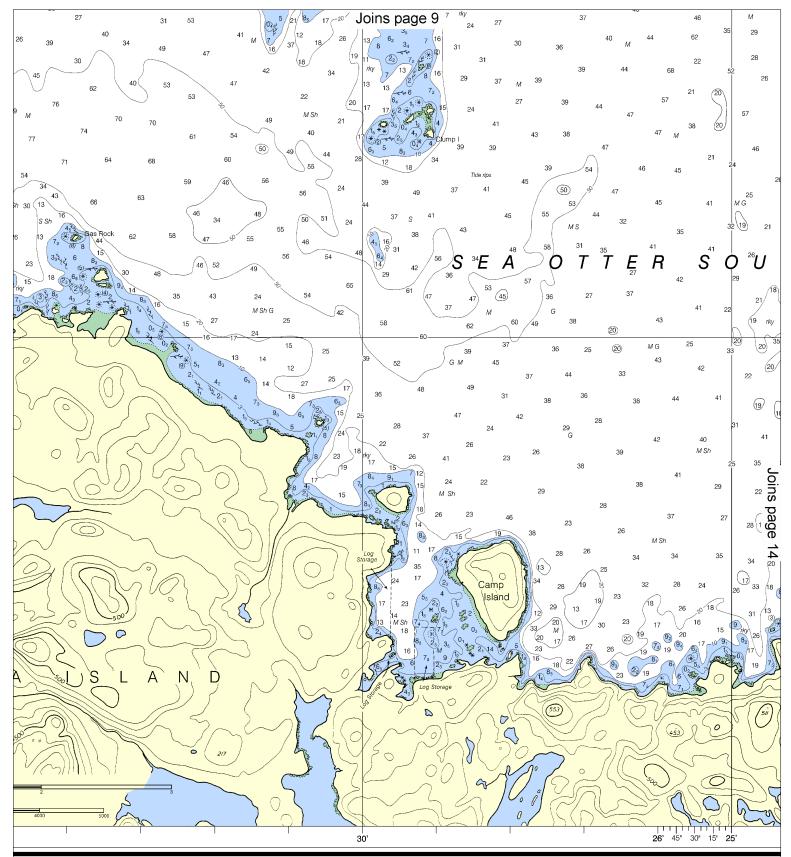
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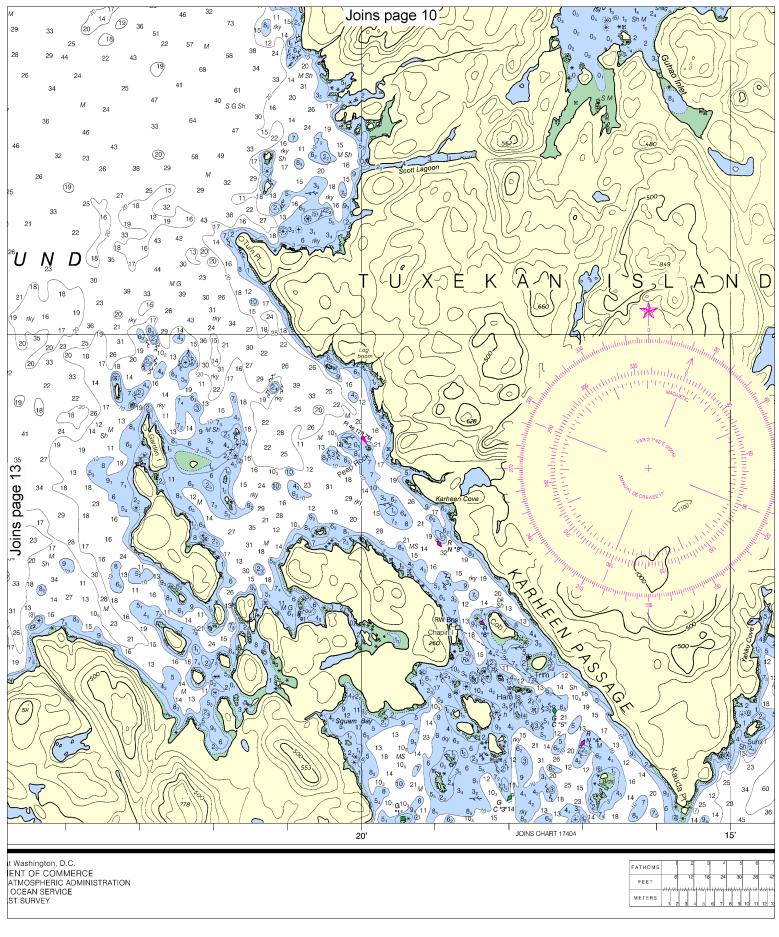
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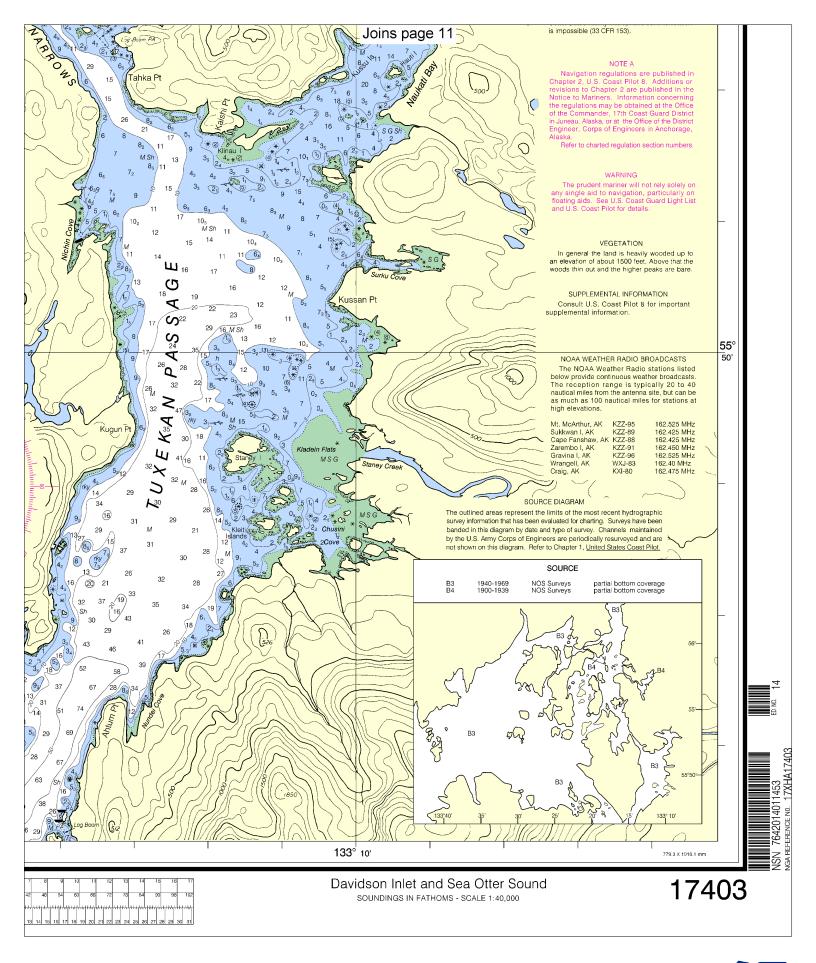
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### VHF Marine Radio channels for use on the waterways:

**Channel 6** – Inter-ship safety communications.

Channel 9 – Communications between boats and ship-to-coast.

Channel 13 – Navigation purposes at bridges, locks, and harbors.

Channel 16 – Emergency, distress and safety calls to Coast Guard and others, and to initiate calls to other

vessels. Contact the other vessel, agree to another channel, and then switch.

Channel 22A – Calls between the Coast Guard and the public. Severe weather warnings, hazards to navigation and safety warnings are broadcast here. Channels 68, 69, 71, 72 and 78A – Recreational boat channels.

**Getting and Giving Help** — Signal other boaters using visual distress signals (flares, orange flag, lights, arm signals); whistles; horns; and on your VHF radio. You are required by law to help boaters in trouble. Respond to distress signals, but do not endanger yourself.

#### **Distress Call Procedures**

- Make sure radio is on.
- Select Channel 16.
- Press/Hold the transmit button.
- Clearly say: "MAYDAY, MAYDAY, MAYDAY."
- Also give: Vessel Name and/or Description; Position and/or Location; Nature of

Emergency; Number of People on Board.

- · Release transmit button.
- Wait for 10 seconds If no response Repeat MAYDAY call.

HAVE ALL PERSONS PUT ON LIFE JACKETS!



NOAA Weather Radio All Hazards (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio stations broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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